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The Reunion in Columbia.

Gen. Carwile Issues Order Urging all the Veterans to Attend.

The following general order has just been issued from the headquarters of the South Carolina Division of the Confederate Veterans:

Greenville, April 4, 1906.

Comrades: First. The South Carolina Division, United Confederate Veterans, will meet in Columbia, S. C., at their annual reunion on the 16th, 17th and 18th of May, 1906. All veterans are earnestly requested to attend, as this will probably be the last time that many of us will ever have the privilege of attending again. Columbia, our beautiful Capital City, has invited you, and she wants you to come.

Second. Commanders of all camps in the State will call them together at once and elect delegates to attend said reunion.

Third. The commanding general regrets to call attention to a large number of camps that are still in arrears as to dues, both to general headquarters and also to division headquarters. Please forward dues at once—any way not later than April 20. They are small, and should be paid.

Fourth. All railroads will give the usual fare.

By order of

Thos. W. Carwile,
Major General, South Carolina Division,
United Confederate Veterans.

J. M. Jordan,
Adj. Gen. and Chief of Staff.

Ex-Congressman Strait Interviewed in Washington on Tillman's Address.

Washington, April 7.—Special to Columbia Record: Ex-Congressman Strait, who has been an interested spectator on the floor of the house for several days, was asked today regarding the effect that Senator Tillman's recent "manifesto" had on the people of South Carolina. His opinion is that since the appearance of the manifesto a strong following has been created for the maintenance of the dispensary hereafter on clean, business principles. He believes that Senator Tillman's bold, fearless and straightforward statement of the facts as they exist now and have existed for some time have induced many people to believe that the dispensary ought to be given a longer lease of life under a fair showing.

"There is no doubt," Dr. Strait said, "that Senator Tillman's address to the people of the state has strengthened the dispensary cause, and there are many people in the state who will vote for its maintenance if given another opportunity. He

pointed out so plainly and thoroughly the evils of the system that those who believe in the maintenance of the dispensary, will, I believe, set about to rid it of whatever evils it may now have, and continue it permanently.

The Junior Order.

A Promising Council Organized at White Bluff.

Another large council of the Junior Order was organized in this county last Saturday night, this time at White Bluff. It is to be known as White Bluff Council, No. 39. The following officers were elected: W. M. Hegler, Councillor; C. E. Roberts, recording secretary; J. M. Hilton, financial secretary; W. J. Baker, treasurer.

The names of 34 members were enrolled, making about 75 new "Juniors" in the county in two weeks. The organization was effected by State Secretary J. S. Wilson, of this place.

Harvie Jordan on his Visit to the Cotton States.

President Harvie Jordan has given out the following statement regarding his recent trip throughout the entire cotton belt: "My visit to the different cotton states has been one of great interest and satisfaction. I found the state division officials of the Southern Cotton Association actively at work and deeply encouraged over what has been accomplished by the people through the association during the past year and hopeful of greater success in the future. I delivered from three to six addresses in each state, beginning in North Carolina on March 1st and closing at Guthrie, Okla., on April 2d. The meetings were largely attended by both farmers and business men, the merchants and bankers closing the hour of speaking. There is no doubt about the rapidly growing interest and faith in the work of the association among the people who are engaged in cotton production and the various lines of legitimate business in the south. Our whole southern country, with the exception of certain portions of Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas, where the crop was short last year, is enjoying an era of unprecedented prosperity, and much of this condition is attributed to the success of the Southern Cotton Association in its efforts through the united support of all the people to maintain the price of cotton at profitable figures to the growers."

The Rawlingses, father and sons, under sentence of death for the murder of the Carter children, made an unsuccessful attempt to escape from the Valdosta Ga., jail, Saturday.

Items from Creek.

A Farmer's Good Advice to Farmers—The Road Question, and how the Public Highways are Worked—Criticism of the Plan of Paying for Certain Kinds of Work.

Mr. Editor: As I have not seen anything lately from Creek, I will try to give you a few items.

Well, spring like weather has come and the boys are hustling around to get some plowing done and to get ready to plant. Small grain is looking very well.

Boys, let's hold down the cotton acreage and raise more hog and hominy. Let us see to it that we do our part in raising home supplies, as we are the ones who will be benefited by our so doing. And let us stick to the Cotton Growers' Association.

We want to hear some more from Mr. T. M. Belk on the good roads question. We like to hear such talk as he gives, as it is calculated to do a great deal of good. I believe in good roads and I think I prove it by my work, which is the best way.

But in looking over the supervisor's report in Saturday's News I see so much road work that people are getting pay for. I don't know what about that, Mr. Editor. If there is a law to make people work the roads or pay for not working, could we not get our roads in better shape if our Supervisor would quit paying a few to patch holes and haul rocks on roads? When one or two men go over a road and throw a few shovels full of dirt in a hole or haul a few rocks, it makes no difference how big they are, and dump them into holes they then charge the county what they please. And when that is done the people in that section of road do not work it any more that year. Of all the bad roads that I have seen is when this rock hauling business has been done. Of course there are some exceptions. Better now pay to have some of those big rocks taken out. I know of lots of this kind of business in our country.

Now boys, I say let us have a square deal or no deal at all. Let us work our roads well as citizens. Of course you all see how things are going as well as I do. Let us get in the ring or get out, whether it be political or otherwise. It is not right to pay some and not pay all.

There is lots more, Mr. Editor, that I feel like saying, but for fear this finds its way to the waste basket, I had better close. This being my first attempt.

Good wishes to all.

L. N. M.

W. J. Gaddy, an aged Confederate veteran of Chesterfield County, died last Thursday night.

What A Newspaper Does.

From Newberry Herald & News. Speaking of what a newspaper does for a community, United States Senator David Davis, of Illinois, made an address that remains fresh in the memory of newspaper men. He said: "Every year each local paper gives from 500 to 5,000 free lines for the community in which it is located. No other agency can or will do this. The editor in proportion to his means does more for his own town than any other man. He ought to be supported not because you happen to like him or admire his writing, but because a local paper is the best investment a community can have. It may not be crowded with great thoughts, but financially, it is of more beauty than both preacher and teacher. To-day editors do more for less pay than any other men on earth. Patronize your home paper not as a charity but as an investment."

And yet in every community there are people who never do anything to help the local newspaper except to cuss it and abuse it and talk about how it ought to be run. And there are those who appreciate their paper. Both classes are necessary to the life of the newspaper.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Season.

Our God and Father, we thank Thee for the awakened earth; for the sweet incense of renewing Nature; for the fair light of the sun and the genial breezes; for the brightening vistas before our eyes and the increasing hopes within us; for singing birds and humming bees and budding plants and crooning insects. Lord, these are Thine. From Thy hand they have come, even as we ourselves. Grant that we may find joy in them and may serve Thee in that joy. Arouse in us the spirit of the time, that we may be quickened to grow and to give Thee praise in joyful development, and to give our fellowman and every creature cheer and brightness. Lord, on Thee do we depend, for growth, for hope, for joy. Grant that we shall receive these in such measure as we need, and let us not forget from whom they are received and to whom they must be returned. Amen.—Selected.

Fifteen Cases of Fever in One Family.

From Monroe Enquirer.

The family of Mr. J. G. Starnes of Buford township has passed through a siege of typhoid fever. Mr. Starnes has a large family. Two of his sons are married. Since the 10th of last August every member of Mr. Starnes' family and his two sons' families have had fever, 15 cases all told. There were no deaths, although some of the cases were desperate ones.

Thomas Snipes Dead.

He Took His own Life in the State Hospital, Columbia.

Mr. Thomas J. Snipes, who was carried from here to the Asylum in Columbia about six months ago, committed suicide in that institution last Friday night. It is stated that he hanged himself with his bed-clothes. The body was brought to Lancaster Sunday and buried in the new cemetery, the Rev. W. A. Beckham conducting the funeral services.

Mr. Snipes was about 50 years old and leaves a widow and the following children: Messrs. Thurlow and Minor Snipes, Mrs. Anglo Robertson, Mrs. John Threat and Mrs. George Durst.

A Little Girl's Horrible Fate.

Monroe Enquirer.

Virgie, the seven year-old daughter of Mr. Robert Baker of Marshville township, was burned to death last Saturday. The little girl was in a field helping an older sister burn corn stalks when her clothing caught on fire. The older child tried to put out the fire, but became frightened and ran home to tell her mother, the child with clothing all aflame following close behind her. The mother reached the child and tore the burning clothing from her. The little girl was carried to the house, she being overcome by the flames and falling some distance from home, and lingered several hours before death relieved her of her suffering. There was plenty of water within a few feet of where the terrible accident occurred but the children were so excited they never thought of the water.

Name of Three Widow were Omitted.

The party who kindly furnished us with the names of the widows in Lancaster county of Mexican soldiers, as published in the last issue of The News, unintentionally omitted three names, those of Mrs. Matilda Cauthen, widow of John M. Cauthen; Mrs. Dicey Cole, widow of James Cole; Mrs. — Copeland, widow of John D. Copeland.

Supervisor Gardner, who, as previously stated, is endeavoring to have the pensions of the widows increased, is now getting up the necessary data in accordance with Senator Tillman's suggestion in his letter published in Saturday's News.

Mr. J. M. Crawford of Hazlehurst Ga., was seriously shot a day or two ago by his son, Cleveland Crawford, a young man, who claims that his father was beating his mother. A little brother was fatally wounded by one of the young man's bullets.